

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JEFFREY HARRIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADAM HASSE,

Defendant.

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ORDER

13-cv-486-bbc

On September 5, 2013, I denied plaintiff Jeffrey Harris leave to proceed on claims that he was forced to sign a document waiving his right to contest the reinstatement of his probation and dismissed this case without prejudice to plaintiff's raising his claims in a petition for writ of habeas corpus. Now plaintiff has filed a notice of appeal of the September 5 order. Because plaintiff has not paid the \$455 filing fee for his appeal, I also construe his notice as a request to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. The request will be denied because I must certify that plaintiff's appeal is not taken in good faith. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

A district court has authority to deny a request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 for one or more of the following reasons: the litigant wishing to take an appeal has not established indigence, the appeal is taken in bad faith or the litigant is a prisoner and has three strikes. § 1915(a)(1),(3) and (g). Sperow v. Melvin, 153 F.3d

780, 781 (7th Cir. 1998). Plaintiff's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal will be denied, because I am certifying that his appeal is not taken in good faith.

In Lucien v. Roegner, 682 F.2d 625, 626 (7th Cir. 1982), the court of appeals instructed district courts to find bad faith in cases in which a plaintiff is appealing the same claims the court found to be without legal merit. Lee v. Clinton, 209 F.3d 1025, 1027 (7th Cir. 2000). Plaintiff is trying to appeal the same claims on which I denied him leave to proceed under Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477, 487 (1994). Because there is no legally meritorious basis for plaintiff's appeal, I must certify that the appeal is not taken in good faith.

Because I am certifying plaintiff's appeal as not having been taken in good faith, he cannot proceed with his appeal without prepaying the \$455 filing fee unless the court of appeals gives him permission to do so. Under Fed. R. App. P. 24, plaintiff has 30 days from the date of this order in which to ask the court of appeals to review this court's denial of leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. With his motion, he must include an affidavit as described in the first paragraph of Fed. R. App. P. 24(a), with a statement of issues he intends to argue on appeal. Also, he must send along a copy of this order. Plaintiff should be aware that he must file these documents in addition to the notice of appeal he has filed previously.

If plaintiff does not file a motion requesting review of this order, the court of appeals might not address the denial of leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. Instead, it may require plaintiff to pay the entire \$455 filing fee before it considers his appeal. If

plaintiff does not pay the fee within the deadline set, it is possible that the court of appeals will dismiss the appeal.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Jeffrey Harris's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal, dkt. #10, is DENIED. I certify that his appeal is not taken in good faith. The clerk of court is directed to insure that plaintiff's obligation to pay the \$455 fee for filing his appeal is reflected in the court's financial records.

Entered this 20th day of September, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge